ared too general to serve as a starting ont for concrete negotiations.

Premier Tisza's announcement and the sply of Andrew Bonar Law, British bancellor of the Exchequer, to President Wilson's speech are regarded here diplomatic circles as evidences that subject of peace will not down in its of the apparent ascendency of the motif at the present moment.

Opinion on Wilson's Step

The surface view here on President Viluon's step continues to be that al-bough well meant and based on a sin-are desire for the wellbeing of both olligerent parties it is unsuitable for scussion now when the attitude of the ntente is regarded as making a vigor-is prosecution of the war inevitable

and indispensable.

At the same time there is a wide disposition to regard the President's speech of considerable practical value as a means of keeping slive the discussion

peace. In regard to Premier Tisza's brief refnce to a possible continuance of an erchange of views with the United stes German officials who have been ectated with the Hungarian Premier profess ignorance of any decision of the Central Powers to which Count Tisza might have been referring. They say is particular that they know of no change the attitude of the Central Govern-ents regarding a further announcement peace conditions.

Adolph von Batocki, president of the German Food Regulation Board, gives an unqualified denial, "from personal knowledge," to recent reports from British sources regarding an unsatis-tectory food situation in Austria-Hun-sary, says an Overseas News Agency announcement to-day.

Hangary's Pood Situation.

"I can affirm that in Hungary there never been any question of food culties," Herr von Batocki is quoted saying. "In Austria it was thought sible that the crop of bread corn was entirely sufficient to last until new ps were available.

"In this contingency the importation some hundred thousand tons of bread on from Germany had been planned, it the Austrian share of the Rumanian es makes this unnecessary, the pro-oning of Austria being assured af-the conquest of Rumania without ortations from Germany.

"Local difficulties occur everywhere ring the war, but according to my formation such head difficulties are uch more frequent in the countries of our enemies than in our country and those of our allies. The assertion that the peace offer was made because of food difficulties is on a line with many similar reports spread by the Entente press during the war, all of which have been proved by the facts to be untrue."

QUITS PEACE LEAGUE.

he to divert it from its original put se and adopt as a programme of ac-en the plan for a world alliance put present by President Wilson.

"As the new doctrines announced by

e President have not been rejected by nose in authority in the League to En-erce Peace, and as there are indications of feverish activity in fashioning and ming the leagues tendencies con-mably with the nreal which. President has so dramatically an-niced, I feel obliged to sever my con-tion with its affaire," said Mr. Wilson

on cabled to-day congratulations to Er peror William on the occasion of his fifty-eighth birchduy and wished him and lowed the customary line for such occa-sions, it was said at the State Depart ment but it will not be made public. it was said at the State Depart-

There is interest in diplomatic circles to know whether the President extended merely personal congratulations or whether he included congratulations from the American people. Officials at the State Department first said the measure did contain congratulations from the American people, but subsequently it was said that "the congratulations from the American people, but subsequently it was said that "the congratulations were perhaps only personal." It is evident that the Administration does not desire to have it known just what the message contained, but it is said officially that it "was only a few lines."

Dominion and Indian governments: the development of selected resources of the empire under such conditions as will give the state an adequate share; for conserving and developing the resources of the empire such conditions as will give the state an adequate share; for conserving and developing the resources of the empire under such conditions as will give the state an adequate share; for conserving and developing the resources of the empire so the imperial effort may concentrate on assets ripe for development of selected resources of the empire and developing the resources of the empire so the imperial effort may concentrate on assets ripe for development of selected resources of the empire and developing the resources of the empire on assets ripe for development of selected resources of the empire and developing the resources of the empire such conditions as will give the state an adequate share; for conserving and developing the resources of the empire such conditions as will develop the state an adequate share; for conserving and developing the resources of the empire under such conditions as will develop the state an adequate share; for conserving and developing the resources of the empire on a set of the state an adequate share; for conserving and developing the resources of the state an adequate share; for conserving and developing the state an adequate share; for conserving and developing the state an

HITS GERMAN RATIONING

Municipal Council at Berlin Suburb Fights Food Shortage.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Jan. 27.— Socialist members of the Municipal Council of Neukoein, Berlin's most im-portant suburb, made a vigorous de-mand that some efforts be made to relieve the feed shortage at a recent meet-ing of the council, according to a Ber-lin despatch.

The Socialists criticised the system of rationing, especially in regard to pota-toes, further reduction in the apportion-ment of which is imminent. They complained also of the scarcity and poor quality of bread and the disappearance of fish from the markets, while piles of sea food, they said, were spoiling in the

that the allotment of food was insuffi-cient and blamed the state organiza-tions. He said the municipality would soon be unable to continue the soup kitchens if the state did not supply the necessary foodstuffs.

SAILORS FOR PEACE.

Those Interned at Philadelphia Pray for Victory Too.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—Prayers for an early ner wand a German victory were offer I at the services held by interned German saltors at the League Island navy yard to-day in observance of the birthday anniversary of Emperor William.

The American and German flags were displayed from the masts of the German auxiliary cruisers Prinz Eitel Priedrich and Kronpring Wilhelm and from Ameri-

RUMANIANS HOPEFUL.

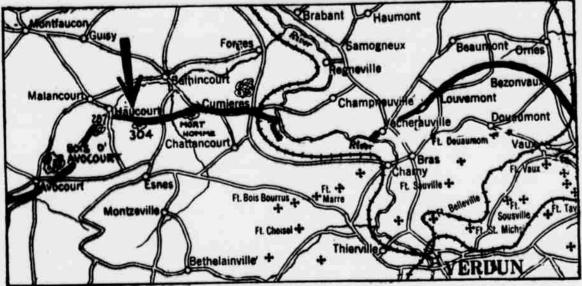
Premier Bratiano Says Army Will He Reestablished.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Premier Bratiano of Rumania, who is in Petrograd for a conference with the Russian authorities, is quoted in a Temps despatch as saying he was glad to find in Russia the same feeling of unchasable faith in the outcome of the war as in the beginning. Me declared that the Rumanian army he was glad to find in Russia the same feeling of unchaisable faith in the outcome of the war as in the beginning. He declared that the Rumanian army would soon be completely reformed and that the time was approaching when it would, with the aid of the Russians, drive the enemy from its territory.

"The booty which has fallen into the hands of the Germans," said Premier Bratiane, "should not be too greatly exampled. In any event, it will not improve the economic situation in German clergyman and a German arcsing to his improve the economic situation in German clergyman and a German it is also announced that a first believed.

"As to our losses the flumanian

MAP of the Verdun region, showing especially the west or left bank of the Meuse, where fighting has broken out. On Thursday the Germans attacke at various points between the Bois d'Avocourt and the Mort Homme Hill (the territory indicated by the thick black line) penetrating the French trenches only near Hill 304, indicated by an arrow. The German statement said French trenches on a mile front were taken. The French announced on Friday that they had retaken most of the lost ground, but the Germans still maintain that all French counter attacks were fruitless. Heavy artillery fire and much activity are now reported in this region, familiar by reason of the Crown Prince's attack at Verdun last spring.



dent to Place Responsibil-

ity for the War.

Special Cuble Despatch to THE STN.

Pakis, Jan. 27 .- Joseph Reinach, who,

nder the pseudonym Polybe, writes the

Figure's military comment, writes that

"It is indubitable." M. Reinach wrote,

Arguing that Germany has broken

tion of the majority section before the minority section.

RARE ART FOR RED CROSS.

Turner Sent for Sale. Special Cable Despatch to Tun Sun from the London Times.

sketches has been announced, but a more striking giff has been sent by A. Weill— a bacchante bought from Sir Joshua in 1796 by Lord Lauderdale and once sold

The Romney gift is the artist's original study of the infant Shakespeare, nursed by Tragedy and Comedy. J. P.

Heseltine has presented a water color sketch by Turner, and Miss Tebbutt an oil painting by Hogarth.

ITALIAN ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

Entire Front.

LONDON, Jan. 27 .- The official report

On the whole front there have been

soued to-day by the Italian War Office

intermittent artillery actions, which were more lively in the Zugna sector, in the Arsa Valley, in the Upper Vanos Cismon, in the Travignolo Valley, at Avisio and on the Carso,

Enemy aviators attempted incur-sions into our territory. These were frustrated by our anti-aircraft bat-

ANTWERP HARBOR CLEARED.

Germans Raise the Lloyd's Gnelse

nau. Sunk by Belgians.

Germans, after several failures, have succeeded in raising the North German Lioyd inner Gneisenau, which the Bel-

gians sank, blocking Antwerp harbon

prior to their evacuation of the city

nounced that the last hindrance to ship-ping entering the harbor has now been removed.

The Gneisenau registered \$,185 tons and was built in 1903. This is the first information that the Gneisenau had been

POLES ASKED TO GIVE GOLD.

The correspondent adds that it is an-

"that the idea that two forms of moral-

an American friend has asked him if he

TURK SHAFT AT ENGLAND

Constantinople Paper "Ikdam"

Charges Inconsistency. BERLIN, by wireless. Jan. 27.—The Constantinople newspaper Ikdam, commenting on the Entente demand for the expulsion of Turkey from Europe asks says an Overseas News Agency item, if the expulsion was considered necessary "before Turkey had been compelled to begin war."

begin war."
"If so," continues the newspaper,
"why did the British Government on the
eve of the war once more guarantee, as
it had so many times before, our territorial integrity? If not, why did not
Great Britain demand our expulsion before the war?"

AUSTRALIA'S STAND.

gainst Southern Pacific Islands Being Restored to Germany.

actly his conception, which is also that Menry Lane Wilson Unable to Accept White House idea.

Indianapolis, Jan. 27.—Henry Lane Wilson in a letter to William H. Taft. president of the National Association of the League to Enforce Peace, to-day announced his resignation as president of the Indiana branch of the league. Mr. Wilson said his retirement is due to the belief that some of the leaders are try-ters of wits important to the said his retirement is due to the belief that some of the leaders are try-ters of wits important to the said his retirement is due to the belief that some of the leaders are try-ters of wits important to the said his retirement is due to the said his retirement is due to the belief that some of the leaders are try-ters of wits important to the said his retirement. NDON, Jan. 27.—Addressing a meeting ity are possible, one public and the other private, is violently repugnant to the Sir Joseph said the fate of the German colonies and sea power were matters of vital importance to Australazians. They had strong feelings concerning the restoration of the German colonies and did not want German bases at Aus-tralasia's back door again. every Commandment, M. Reinach apeals to President Wilson to show himself the highest moral authority in the world, not by indefinitely holding the balance equal between both sides, even diplo-

TO HELP PAY WAR DEBT.

Private British Organization Effected to Conserve Resources.

organization aiming "to promote the development of the empire's resources in order to assist in the payment of the war debt" has been launched under a committee styled the empire resources. WILSON MESSAGE SECRET

War debt" has been launched under a committee styled the empire resources Liberte are one in condemning the Socialists for approving President Wilson's development committee is Sir Leander Starr Jameson, president of the British South Africa Company, and its membership in cludes Earl Grey, Lords Selbourne. Destining the Socialists for approving President Wilson's development with the Socialists for approving President Wilson's massage to the Senate. These widely divergent authorities say that the Socialist approval would be comprehensible resolution by a vote of 313 to 125.

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Wilson's massage, which is the message had not contained the "peace willout victory" nassage, which borough, Dunraven, Islington and Plymouth; Alfred Rigiand, L. W. Evans and A. H. Paget, Members of the House of Commons, and Rudyard Kipling.

The purposes of the committee are outlined as "conservation for the benefit of the empire of such natural results."

It means also forgetfulness of our dead, "the Temps continues, "abdication before Prussian militarism, whose crimes would be left without chastisement and explation."

fit of the empire of such natural resources as are or may come under the ownership or control of the Imperial.

M. Herve suggests that the Socialist resolution really represents the capitula-

Others Neutrals.

LONDON, Jan 27.—Works by Reynolds, Romney and Turner are recent gifts to the art sale in aid of the Red Cross, Aiready the receipt of three Reynolds LONDON, Jan. 27 .- The sinking of the British steamship Tabasco, 2,987 tons gross; the Norwegian steamship Sun-niva, 559 tons, and the Danish steam-ship O. B. Suhr, has been reported to Lioyd's shipping agency. The agency also announces that the Norwegian steam-ship Myrdal is believed to have been

sunk.
The Norwegian steamship Jotunfjell, previously reported sunk, has been towed into port in a damaged condition. The report of the sinking of the British steamship Matina was also erroneous. according to Lloyd's.

SEARCH FOR RAIDER GOES ON. Big Gun Duels Are Reported Along

Cruiser Orama Pats Into Rio, but Soon Steams to Sen.

Rto Janeiro, Brazil, Jan. 27.-The British auxiliary cruiser Orama, at-tached to the British squadron searching for the German raider in the South At-

for the German raider in the South Al-juntic. put into this port to-day and after landing a number of sailors headed again for sea.

The British naval authorities here as-sert that of the men landed in Brazil from the ships such by the German raider only five remain to be sent to their homes.

IN OPEN BOAT TEN DAYS.

Starving French Sailors From Cruiser Reach Willemstad.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacoa. Jan. 27.— London, Jan. 27.—A despatch to the bree French sailors have reached the island of Buen Ayre, off the Venezueian coast, after having been at sea for ten days in a small beat. They were starving and brought with them the bedy of one man who had died.

bers of the crew of the French armored cruiser Jeanne d'Arc, stationed at Mar--tinique, and were carried off in their boat by the current. The men were transported to Curacos.

ANTI-RUSSIAN PLOT NIPPED.

Attempt to Blow Up Ammunition

Depots Is Frustrated. STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Jan. 27. The Aftenbladet says the authorities at Vit-

Joseph Reinach Urges Presi-

us at daylight this morning northeast of Neuville-St. Vaast. Prisoners were secured and dugouts containing some fifty Germans were destroyed. We had no casuaities. Enemy trenches were also entered last night by one of our patrols clearly understood that President Wil-son's ambition is to become the highest casualties inflicted on the hostile gar-

moral authority in the world. M. Rei- r.son. moral authority in the world. M. Rei"We bombarded the enemy's positions
nach replied that he understood that
to-day in the neighborhood of Serre
clearly.

(Somme front) and greatly damaged his Continuing, he said he hoped that defences. Northeast of Arras hostile working parties were dispersed by our president Wilson would define more expension, which is also that enemy infantry was caught by our arti of France, of a peace founded upon the lery in the open and suffered man free will of peoples and respect for the casualties. There was considerable arti

FRENCH VOTE CONFIDENCE.

President. His spirit is profoundly re- Deputies Again Express Their Approval of Government

ligious. His discourses, which I have read and reread, abound in Biblical quofidence in the Government again came before the Chamber of Deputies to-night at the close of a secret session, which had been considering Grecian affairs. Six resolutions on this subject were in-troduced on the resumption of the public natically, but by declaring which side Premier Briand announced that he

right now.
"He has mentioned Poland," he writes.
Whe has mentioned Poland, he writes.
M. Lenoir and his collegues, clearly exthe situation in Greece, including the

army, having desperately defended every inch of ground, has lost in killed and wounded nearly one-fourth of its SAYS WILSON HOPES ARMIES AT VERDUN

Continued from First Page

by the enemy during the day to regain the lost ground. These were all driven back by our fire with heavy losses. Our total casualties were very slight.

"The enemy's positions were raided by 25, follows:

borhood of Armentieres and Ypres."

Pages, Jan. 27 .- The question of con-

pressing confidence that the Government would take all measures required by

TO BE WORLD JUDGE IN DEATH GRIP AGAIN Averescu, who has the public confidence.

Rumanians Make Attack.

by an asphyxiating gas attack.

The Rumanian War Office has issued

Further Teuton Attempts

to Keep Up Drive.

and Army Is Made Ready

for Spring Attack.

davia up to and including the Oitus Valley, there have been only infantry patrol actions. In the Kasino Valley our troops attacked the enemy and in spite of severe cold and heavy snow succeeded, after eleven hours of desperate fighting, in driving him south of the Kasino and Suchitza val-

leys.
The Russian and German statements in the eastern front fighting follow: Russian—After a heavy bombard-ment of our trenches east of the Kainzem road, toward Chlok (west of the River Aa, Riga front), the Ger-mans attacked our detachments, but were beaten back, suffering great losses.

In the region of the Mitau high-road we liberated gas, causing a great panic in the German lines. Rumanian Front—There is no change in the situation

The German Report.

German-Eastern front-Front of Prince Leopold: East of the River Aa (Riga front) additional Russian reenforcements were unable to gain ground conquered by our troe Front of Archduke Joseph— Front of Archduke Joseph-Be-tween the Kasino and the Putna valleys German and Austro-Hungarian raiding detachments took 109 pris-oners from the enemy. Army Group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—There have been no important events.

Boston Gives \$450,185 to Allies. Boston, Jan. 27 .- The net receipts of alive. cludes donations of \$96,349.

GERARD'S ADVICES GERMAN OFFENSIVE **WORRY PRESIDENT NEAR RIGA IS ENDED**

Russian Reenforcements Stop Kaiser Wants to Know if U. S. Contemplates Embargo on Munitions.

RUMANIANS FIGHT AGAIN NEW PEACE STEP SOUGHT

Many Generals Are Deposed Lansing Opposes Any Plan to Check Shipments to Entente Allies.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 .- It was inti-LONDON, Jan. 27.-Russian reenforcements seem to have ended the German mated at the State Department to-day offensive on the Riga front. These that the United States Government is troops smothered a German attempt today to resume the progress of the last
few days, and later counter attacked
the Germans. At one point the Rus-President's peace moves have admittedly sians caused panic among the Germans strengthened the Imperial Chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, in his efforts to While it now appears that the Riga front will return to its usual state of keep subsequent submarine operations deadlock news from Jassy indicates that within the scope of the German piedge the Rumanian army will be heard from to the United States not to sink merin the spring, and perhaps sooner. There chant craft without warning, but adhas been a thorough shakeup at the top and no fewer than fourteen divisvocates of relentless U-boat warfare now wish to force the United States to go further toward helping Germany's presion or brigadler generals have been re-tired and superseded by younger men, according to a Reuter despatch. Gen.

ent aims. The situation in Germany apparently is crystalizing along these lines: If the United States will follow up its peace programme with measures destined hold aloof from any radical change in its U-boat campaign. If the United States permits the peace discussions to fade away Germany must necessarily turn its attention to more vigorous use

of the U-boats. The Imperial Government wishes to know from Mr. Gerard whether President Wilson contemplates advocating such measures as an embargo on muni-tions and food supplier to the Entente in case in his judgment some such pressure is necessary to support the American peace plan. Germany, and particularly Austria-Hungary, feel that President Wilson should apply threats and economic and financial force, if necessary, to bring the Entente to the point of

Lansing Opposes Embargo. But Mr. Gerard not only has no in-

But Mr. Gerard not only has no instructions to interpret the President's peace message as a velled embarge threat, but is not likely to receive such instructions, according to officials of the State Department. Secretary Lansing is known to be opposed to such measures, and although strong pressure is being brought to bear on President Wilson it is firmly believed here that Mr. Lansing will hold him in check so far as an aggressive peace campaign against the material interests of the Entente is concerned. The only danger at present is cernal interests of the Entente is con-cerned. The only danger at present is the possibility that the President may take offence at some of the hostile criti-cism in Entente capitals of his peace plan and that the whole trend of this Government's relations with the Entente thereby become seriously affected. No secret is made of the fact that Teu-ton diplements hope to seat the Entente

ton diplomats hope to see the Entente peace plan to the extent of nettling President Wilson or forcing him to consider further measures to keep the peace gern Boston, Jan. 27.—The net receipts of alive. The value of this to dermany the National Ailled Bazaar which was would be to enhance the probability of held here last month were \$450,185, it was announced to-day. The total inconsidered, it is said. The importance of this move in the diplomatic game has

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not escaped Mr. Lansing, it is explained. MAY CHANGE BRITISH COINAGE

Anxiety Over Berlin's Stand.

In the latter connection the apparent termination of Berlin to press the emdetermination of Berlin to press the em-bargo issue as a price for continued ob-servance of the American pledge is causservance of the American pledge is causing some anxiety. This phase of the situation is particularly difficult to deal with, it is pointed out, because the campaign for the resumption of relentiess warfare is being pressed by forces antagonistic to the Imperial Government's present U-boat policy.

Officials of the State Department stated today that the various control

stated to-day that the various controversial questions between Germany and the United States would not be pressed for the present. The time is not re-garded as opportune, it is explained. In other words the United States Governother words the United States Govern-ment, acting on advices from Mr. Gerard, is refraining from embarrassing the Im-prelal Chancellor in Berlin by adding fuel to the fire of opposition to the present restricted U-boat warfare.

Secretary Lansing said no word had yet been received concerning American prisoners on the Yarrowdale. There is so far no proof that Germany intends to hold American members of the crews of armed merchantmen as prisoners of war or that the Imperial Government will hesittle about releasing any Americans, if there be any, on the Yarrowdale.

700,000 FRENCH NOW SERFS. Mayor of Ourchy Says Germans Are

Impressing Captives. Panis, Jan. 27 .- Seven hundred thous-

and inhabitants of the invaded regions in the north of France are engaged in forced labor for the Germans, according to M. Dibudeville, Mayor of the town or Ourchy, who has just arrived from the occupied region at Evian.

The Mayor's estimate, he says, is hased on careful, serious calculation,

having been taken from the communes in his region.

Three hundred out of the 900 inhabit-ants of the village of Esmery-Nallon, he

Plan for Decimal System to Be Submitted Soon.

London, Jan. 27 .- The executive cour cil of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of Great Britain is about to consider the draft of proposals for the re-form of weights, measures and comage, and if they are approved they will be submitted to the chambers throughout the country. If a general approval of the chambers is given bills to carry out the proposals will be submitted to Par-

A bill providing for the establishment of a decimal coinage probably will receive first attention and the bills for decimal coinage has become familia The suggestion is to make the existing florin, which is one-tenth of a pound the unit and replace the existing farthing, which is 1-86th of a florin, by a cent equal to one hundredth of a florin.

1.000 KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Women and Girls Victims of Blowup at Dreiden.

Pants, Jan. 27.—The Dresden Arsetal has been blown up and 1,000 women and young girls were killed, according to a letter taken from a German soldier dated

The letter was written from Dresden and the writer said that all the windows within a radius of twelve inles were broken by the explosion. He added that the authorities were keeping the news secret and that no railroad tickets were issued for Dreaden except for urgent

METROPOLITAN LIFE'S YEAR

in 1916, Says an Official. A thousand officers and represents Company and their guests gathered as

right in the grand ballroom of it Astor for the annual dinner of the company. Haley Fiske, vice-predet of the com-pany, who presided, said, in telling of the success of the company during the ants of the village of Esmery-Nallon, he declares, have been obliged to serve the surance during the year and that the Germans occupying force, the recalcitrants being either imprisoned or exiled to Germany. No distinctions are made as to age or sex in the choice of the forcibly enrolled laborers M. Dibudeville says.

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